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SUBJ: UN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING

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1. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING IS NEARING THE END OF ITS GENERAL DEBATE. DELEGATIONS ARE NOW SERIOUSLY FOCUSING ON THE INTERSESSIONAL WORK PROGRAM. THE G-77 HAVE PRODUCED A PAPER WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE CIRCULATED SHORTLY. (TEXT OF SEPTTEL.) IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTAIN SOME FEATURES AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS THAT WE DISLIKE. PARTLY FOR THIS REASON THE EC-9 AND THE US DELEGATION DECIDED IT WOULD BE TACTICALLY PRUDENT FOR THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO HAVE INFORMAL TEXTS ON THE TABLE.

2. REPRODUCED IN PARA 3 BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE US PAPER WHICH IS BASED ON THE REFTEL A INSTRUCTION AND THE US STATEMENT DELIVERED FEBRUARY 20 (REFTEL B). THE EC-9 PAPER IS CONTAINED IN PARA 4 OF THIS MESSAGE.

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3. QTE: US DELEGATION TO THE 2D SESSION OF THE AD HOC

COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM

WORKING PAPER: GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING
GROUP

THE US DELGATION SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING TEXT FOR ADOPTION
BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AS GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL
WORKING GROUP.

THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

- THE MANDATE FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED IN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3362 OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL
SESSION;
- THE CURRENT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES BEARING ON THE
OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,
PARTICULARLY THE PROGRAS FINANCED BY THE UN DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM;
- THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MANY DELEGATIONS THAT THERE IS
A NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REORDERING OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM, BUT THAT A SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE
REORDERING WILL REQUIRE THOROUGH CONSIDERATION AND A
DELIBERATE APPROACH, AND THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO ADDRESS
CERTAIN BROAD ISSUES ONLY WHEN ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION
IS AVAILABLE AND CONDITIONS ARE PROPITIOUS;
- THE NEED, ON THE OTHER HAND, FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
-) TO ENSURE THAT THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS IS UNMISTAKABLY
UNDERWAY; B) TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IS TAKING ASERIOUS AND PRACTICAL
APPROACH TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND C) TO PRODUCE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONCRETE ACTIONS THIS YEAR WHICH
WOULD BE INDISPUTABLY BENEFICIAL FOR THE OPERATING CAPACITY
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;
- THE MANY ACTIVITIES RECENTLY COMPLETED, NOW UNDERWAY,
OR SOON TO BEGIN, SUCH AS THE AGREEMENTS REACHED
AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC COOPERATION, THE FOURTH SESSION OF UNCTAD, AND
THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH SERVE THE PURPOSES
OF DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND
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WHICH, IN MANY CASES, ARE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE UNDERTAKINGS
EMBRACED BY THE RESOLUTION OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

1. DECIDES THAT THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP, AS
CALLED FOR BY A DECISION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TAKEN
AT ITS FIRST SESSION, SHOULD OPERATE ON THE FOLLOWING TWO
LEVELS:

A. THE FIRST LEVEL SHOULD INVOLVED THE XAMINATION OF
OPTIONS REGARDING MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS TO BE CONSIDERED
IN THE CONTEXT OF AN EVENTUAL REORDERING OF THE UNITED
NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM AS A WHOLE; AND

B. THE SECOND LEVEL SHOULD CONSIST OF EXAMINING
OPTIONS AND PREPARING ACTION PROPOSALS THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
MIGHT AGREE TO RECOMMEND FOR ADOPTION TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AT ITS 31ST SESSION, WHICH WOULD IMPROVE THE
OPERATING CAPACITY OF THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE BUT WOULD NOT
PREJUDICE ULTIMATE FINDINGS OR RECOMMENDATIONS REGRADING
A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REORDERING OF THE SYSTEM;

2. DECIDES FURTHER THAT, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FUTURE
DECISIONS REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL MAJOR
PROBLEM AREAS, THE PROBLEM AREAS TO BE EXAMINED INITIALLY
ON THE FIRST LEVEL SHOULD INCLUDE:

A. IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND WORK METHODS OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT AND INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION;

B. IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND WORK METHODS OF
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN RELATION TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
SYSTEM AS A WHOLE;

C. STRENGTHENING LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE CENTRAL
SECRETARIAT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
COOPERATION;

D. RATIONALIZATION AND ENHANCED EFFECTIVENESS OF UNITED
NATIONS OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS;

E. THE EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPROVEMENT OF INTERAGENCY
COOPERATION;

3. DECIDES FURTHER, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FUTURE
DECISIONS REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL
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SUBJECTS FOR ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS, THAT THE SUBJECTS
TO BE EXAMINED AT THE SECOND LEVEL SHOULD INCLUDE:

A. THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFIED PERSONNEL SYSTEM,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING ACTION ON
THIS MATTER AND THE STUDY COMPLETED BY THE JOINT INSPECTION
UNIT.

B. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFIED PROCUREMENT SYSTEM,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED
NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM RELATED TO THIS MATTER; AND

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C. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE AND INDEPENDENT EVALUATION MECHANISM TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO GOVERNING BODIES AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS GENERALLY ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH PROGRAM OBJECTIVES ARE ACHIEVED, THE IMPACT OF PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF WHICH THEY ARE A PART, AND THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAM EXECUTION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EXTENSIVE CONSIDERATION RELATED TO THIS MATTER WITHIN THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND COORDINATION, THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT, AND THE WORKING GROUP ON UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM AND BUDGET MACHINERY. UNQTE.

4. QTE: INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS OF THE NINE DELEGATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY FOR:

IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROBLEM AREAS WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE POINTS OF REFERENCE FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP;

WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING FIVE PROBLEMS AREAS:

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1) ECOSOC. MORE PARTICULARLY, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING
SUB-DIVISIONS:

A) STRENGTHENING ITS COORDINATION AUTHORITY WITH
RESPECT TO GLOBAL POLICY FORMULATION AND SETTING OF PRIORITIES
FOR THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE;

B) REORGANIZATION OF ITS PROGRAMME OF WORK AND
CALENDAR OF SESSIONS AND REVISION OF THE PROCEDURES
FOR CONVENING SPECIAL SESSIONS;

C) ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT AND OF THE OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE BUREAU IN THE PREPARATION AND CONDUCT OF THE SESSIONS
OF THE COUNCIL. PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARIAT IN THE
DELIBERATIONS.

D) ITS RELATIONS WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2) SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL, AND IN PARTICULAR:

A) POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF THEIR NUMBER THROUGH, AS
APPROPRIATE, THE ELIMINATION OF SOME AND THE MERGING OF OTHERS;

B) REVIEW OF THEIR CALENDAR AND PROGRAMMES OF WORK,
AND THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT SESSIONS WHENEVER APPROPRIATE.

3) PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING

HARMONIZATION OF MEDIUM TERM PLANS AND PROGRAMMES CARRIED
OUT BY THE SYSTEM.

4) OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UN SYSTEM. THIS
AREA WOULD INCLUDE:

A) REVIEW OF THE EXISTING EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND,
IF APPROPRIATE, ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT EVALUATING
MACHINERY;

B) POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATION OF EXISTING VOLUNTARY FUNDS.

5) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION:

EXAMINATION OF THE ROLE OF THE A.C.C. AND POSSIBLE
CREATION OF NEW MACHINERY.

6) REORGANIZATION OF THE SECRETARIAT.

THE WORK OF THIS POINT SHOULD START AND BE PHASED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON THE PRECEDING
ISSUES.

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